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DURING VAFANGOW BATTLE

Awful Fire--Loss of Life En-Have Left the Greatest Number of Dead on the Field.

Whole Valley is Strewn With Corpses of the Dead.

Liao Yang, June 25 .- A correspondent of the Associated Press, who was present at the battle of Vafangow, describes the fighting as follows:

"The stern, dogged fighting at the battle of Valangow was like another guns and the boom of the cannon ran into the fight. still ring in my ears.

"Throughout the three days of page to Russia's military history.

"The fighting was glorious. For two days the Russian regiments valorously maintained their positions railroad banged away furiously as it and took the offensive on the left, so pressing the enemy there that a cou-shells were falling on the station ple of Japanese batteries fell into the buildings, from which train after Cossack's hands.

WENT INTO BATTLE BINGING.

The Russian soldiers went into battle singing, their spirits not affected by the fierce heat and furious cannonading, whose intensity may be gauged from the influence it had on the atmospheric condition. Raindrops fell like tears at the height of the battle.

"Many Russians have fallen, but a greater number of Japanese were killed. The Russian sheets and bullets moved them down like wheat. The whole valley was bestrewn with the corpses and the River Tassa ran red. But it was with Jap than with Russian blood.

"The enemy's advance originally included the Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh divisions, twelve squadrons of cavalry and splendid artillery. About 200 guns were belching a continuous stream of shot and shell. Large re-enforcements enabled them to turn the Russian flanks. A diversion on the right precipitated the battle in the morning of June 15.

GENERAL GERNGROSS WOUNDED.

"Major General Gerngross, who was wounded, commanded the left flank, and General Loutchkovsky commanded the center, including four battalions concealed in a small wood, whence they dealt death and destruction on the enemy.

"The Russian right was protected by Cossacks, Dragoons and Siberian Rifles.

"While these big guns were thundered I made my way at about 11 o'clock to the Russian right flank and climbed a hill whence I could view the whole field of battle. Behind me a battery had taken up a position from which it kept up a continuous fire upon the advancing ranks of the enemy.

"Through glasses I could see the sandy valley of the Tassa, with the Chinese village of Fafan. The heights of Foo-Chou, the railroad bridge and the surrounding cops were occupied by Japanese infantry. Then black lines of infantry, like thread, could be seen creeping through the verdure. Nearer, the slope of a hill was dotted by the gray chirts of Russian firemen. A brownish smoke overhung some of the batteries, and others showed flashes of flames. The crackle of rifle fire was punctuated by the roar of guns. Occasionally I heard the hiss of a Japanese bullet.

"The scene was awe inspiring. Over the Russian center and left flank hovered chocolate clouds, from bursting abrapuel. It was evident that the tide of battle was coming toward

hurrying forward, the Cossacks galloping, followed by columns of infantry, at the double. Suddenly they

disappeared in an adjacent defile. Correspondent Tells How the magic. Rattling volleys were fired behind the screen of hills, which con-Troops Were Perished by the cealed the fighting troops from view ormous, but Japanese Said to deadly struggle proceeding there. This continued for half an hour.

"Suddenly a company of Cossacks appeared on the crest of a hill and began to descend. They were followed by infantry. The Japanese gunners promptly pursued them with shrapnel. Horses and men began

RE-ENFORCEMENTS ARRIVE.

"A moment of harrowing suspense was relieved by a thundering shout of 'hurrahs.'

"It was from a couple of thousand of Russian troops just brought up by train. They quickly jumped from Borodino. The roar of the machine the cars, fixed bayonets and literally

"Again the crackle of musketry under cover, during which the retiring combat the officers and men vied Russian regiments formed up and with each other in pluck and hero- moved off in complete order toward sm. They have added a glorious the railroad. While a long line of commissariat wagons escorted by Cossacks took to the road, a battery of horse artillery stationed near the covered the retreat. The Japanese train had moved.

"I descended the hill and just succeeded in jumping on the footboard of the last car. Some of the Russian batteries on the left flank were still firing. The main force then began slowly to retreat toward Vantsialin (thirty miles north of Vafangow), and at about 1 in the afternoon had accomplished its strategic mission. The battle of Vafangow had deflected considerable Japanese forces from Port Arthur.

"I left on the last train, with General Stakelberg. This train collided with the one preceding it, near Vantslain, but it was not damaged.

"When passing Kai Chou we saw three Japanese cruisers.

"The whole road north was occupied by Russian troops. The Russians say that Japanese cannot advance much further north, even when they recover from the effects of the battle of Vafangow."

Kills Sheriff on a Train.

St. Paul, Minn., June 25.-Sheriff G. D. Harris of St. Croix county, was shot and killed last night while attempting to make an arrest on an Omaha train near Fall Creek, Wis. The man who did the shooting, whose name is unknown, jumped from the moving train and escaped.

Sheriff Harris had gene to Eau Clairs on business and when about to board the train for Hudson was informed by the chief of police of Eau Claire that a man suspected of burglary was aboard the train. The sheriff searched the train and finally located his man in the smoking car. He placed him under arrest and was about to handouff him when the desperado drew a revolver and fired three times, shooting the sheriff through the head and killing him got a grievance that nothin' short nstantly.

In the excitement which followed the shooting the murderer ran the entire length of the train, jumping from the rear coach while the train was going at a high rate of speed. He then stole a horse and buggs and made his way to Augusta, where the animal was found to-day, but all further clew to the fugitive's whereaboute apparently lost. Posses are in pursuit.

Joplin, Mo., June 22.-Four boys, the oldest being 16 years of age, are on trial in this city for the murder of of guns. Occasionally I heard see of a Japanese bullet.

SCENE AWE-INSPIRING.

See scene was awe inspiring. Over the seed chocolate clouds, from burst-brappel. It was evident that is of battle was coming toward is also right. I saw reserves

MEXICAN The Mountaineer's Grievance.

The long range of the Cumberlands

piled red and purple against the "The valley where the Russians smoky sky as I rode down through had camped was emptied as if by the gap into the little valley that marked the course of a small stream putting into the Poor Fork a few miles away. The air was still, and in that direction, the sound of the the heavy odors of thick woods had firing being the only evidence of the settled down along the road as if seeking the open for draught to the cleared world beyond. Just at the foot of the mountain a sallow-skinned, browbeaten, lank and lounging tion was instructed to vote for Judge mountaineer came out from the thicket about a hundred yards ahead of me and walked slowly on without, so far as I could see, having discovered me. He had a gun across the bend of his elbow, and I thought had probably been hunting, as there were numerous signs of squirrels about.

"Good morning," I said as I pulled up alongside to ask him the usual question of distance to the next Judge John H. Reagan, the Honorplace.

"Good morning," he responded, my horse on the way. "How far is it to Tharp's ford?" I

"Bout a mile and a half, I reck-

"Thanks. What have you been hunting-squirrels?" I inquired in a

friendly way. "No." "There's plenty of signs of them around," I ventured in response to his curt negative.

"I noticed; but I ain't huntin' squir-

What eles is there to hunt?" I asked in surprise; for other game is scarce a like fate. in the mountains at this season, or at any other for that matter.

"Jim Boggs," he answered with a

"Oh!" I exclaimed; for really that was about all I could say to this unexpected statement. "That's what," he went on. "I'm

huntin' Jim Boggs. Seen anything back the way you come uv a lanternjawed, slabsided dude wearin' a paper collar an' a blue necktie?"

"No; I haven't seen anybody answering that description," I replied; this time I had recovered my balance. "What has he been doin'?" "Nothin'."

"Then what are you hunting him

"To put some cold lead into his system—that's what."

"But you wouldn't shoot a man for doing nothing, would you?" I asked in a palliative mood.

"Well, I reckon I would," he said doggedly. "Jim, he tried to run away with my wife."

"Oh!" I said, for I had heard of the trouble; "you are Jeff Thompson, are inclusive.

"That's me, mister; an' I've seed you afore." "But Jim didn't get her, and surely you wouldn't shoot"- I began

when he held up his hand. "Hold on thar, mister?" he said. 'Did you ever live seven ye'rs with a

ripsnortin' cattymount?" "Never to my knowledge," I an-

swered truthfully, though rather perplexed by the question. "Then this yer ain't your time to

jedge," he said peremptorily. "Ef Jim hed got her I'd a' never ris a hand; but he didn't, mister, an' I've uv shootin' kin cure-that's what. Good-by!" And before I could argue further be dropped out of sight thro' a great thicket of rhododendrons, pink and white and beautiful.-William Lampton, in Judge.

Japan Ready to Mediate.

Cologne, June 25 .- The Gasette prints a semi-official communication from Berlin which may be construed as the latest view of the German foreign office as to eventual mediation between Russia and Japan. Japan is not intoxicated with its great suces and abides by the original claims for which it went to war, namely, the exclusion of Russian in-fluences from Korea and the integrity of the Chinese empire violated by the occupation of Manchuria. Japan would not refuse to recognise Rus-sia's property rights in the Man-churian railway and would agree to an equitable settlement of them.

BAILEY IS RULED

OUT OF ORDER.

Texas Democratic Convention at San Antonio Adjourns After Selecting Delegates to St. Louis

San Antonio, Tex., June 25.-The State Democratic Convention finished its business to-day. The delega-Parker and to vote as a unit on all questions. The platform adopted was short, embracing merely an enunciation of Democratic fundamental principles.

A motion that the delegates to St. Louis be instructed to place Senator Balley in nomination for President was ruled out of order.

Senators Culberson and Bailey, able James H. Wells, T. D. Tobbs, of San Antonio; Judge Howard Templelooking up at me, his eyes taking in ton, Sulphur Springs; Clarence Ousley, of Fort Worth, and former Congressman Thomas Ball were elected delegates at large, with half a vote

> No reference is made to the Panama Canal acts of the administration, although Senators Bailey and Culberson devoted considerable oratory to a denunciation of the policy of the administration in the canal matter.

The convention refused to adopt a resolution intended to placate the free-silver wing of the party. A feeble attempt to prevent instructions met

'Roosevelt" the Whole Platform

Chicago, Ill., June 20.-Charles Emory Smith, former postmaster General, probably summed up the platform as concisely and as accurately as anyone can. "What will be the policy in regard to the tariff?" was asked of Mr. Smith. "Roosevelt," was his reply, right off the bat.

"Will you forecast the trust plank?" "Roosevelt," promptly returned the Philadelphia editor.

Then with a twinkle of the eye and a characteristic shrug of the shoulders, "Do you want the platform in a nutshell?"

"Put down Roosevelt," in letters the length of the page, and you have it head, heart and body."

Mexico, Mo., June 20 - J. A. Potts, president of the state fair board, has returned from Sedalia, where he attended a meeting of the board. He says the outlook is bright for a better fair this year than ever before. The fair will be held August 15 to 19.

Mary Anderson Sets Home Above \$200,000.

London Cable to the New York American.

What the world wonders at the self-denial of Mary Andersoh Navarro in refusing a guarantee of \$200,000 to deliver readings in the United States, it is left to Mrs. Navarro herself to tell her story in the simplest

"Why venture once more into the glare of the footlights," she says. My life lacks nothing. It is an endless dream of peace. I have all that I could want or wish for. The glory of a woman is in her husband, her home, her children. In one word I have learned the lesson of content."

MILLIONAIRE'S POOR STOMACH

The worn-out stomach of the over fed millionaire is often paraded in public prints as a horrible example of evils attendant on the possession of great wealth. But millionaires are not the only ones who are afflicted with bad stomachs. The proportion is far greater among the toilers. Dyspepsia and indigestion are rampant among these people, and they suffer far worse tortures than the million-aire unless they avail themselves of a standard medicine like Green's Austandard medicine like Green's August Flower, which has been a favorite household remedy for all stomach troubles for over thirty-five years. August Flower rouses the torpid liver, thus creating appetite and insuring perfect digestion. It tones and vitalizes the entire system and makes life worth living, i what your station. Iris 25c; regular size, 75c.

After All, Only an Illusion. rom the Boston Record.

'Speaking of consistency," said Prof. Royce, "there was once a Hindu sage who said that everything was Illusion, so one day when he was in the middle of a field his friends let a bad' elephant loose. The sage ran at the top of his speed and climbed a tree. When the elephant had been secured the wise man's friends gathered under the tree and said:

'We thought you said everything was illusion.

'I did,' said the frightened but still true philosopher.

'Ah! but you ran fast enough when the real elephant pursued you.'
'You are mistaken again,' said the sage. 'There was no elephant, and I did not run. It was all illusion'." Attorney at Law, BUTLER, MO.

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